














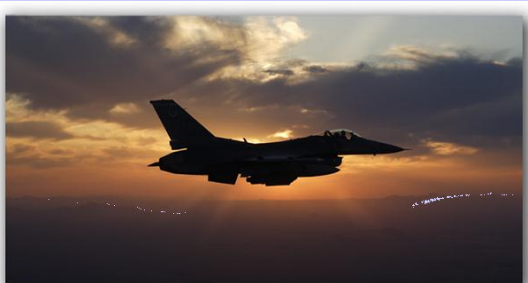
FLYING OPERATIONS

BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE

-  National treasure... highly flexible joint service training... realistic combat replications
-  Air-to-air & air-to-ground training
-  57,000 cubic miles of airspace
-  More than 76,000 operations annually
-  Environmental stewards of Sonoran Desert

CRITICAL MISSION ELEMENTS

-  Ability to land & takeoff in either direction at Luke
-  Ability to access Barry M. Goldwater Range
-  Flying practice instrument approaches at Aux 1
-  Ability for "touch & goes" at Gila Bend Aux Field
-  Access to & from Gladden/Bagdad Military Operating Areas
-  Access to statewide military training routes



BEWARE THE THUNDERBOLT

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



56th FIGHTER WING

Located west of Phoenix, Luke Air Force Base is home to the 56th Fighter Wing, the largest fighter wing in the world and the only active-duty Air Force F-16 training wing. The 56th Fighter Wing has 137 aircraft, 24 squadrons, two tenant units, more than 4,830 military and civilian personnel, and supports more than 70,000 family members and military retirees each year. The wing also has stewardship of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range.

LUKE MISSION

Luke Air Force Base trains the world's greatest F-16 fighter pilots while deploying mission-ready warfighters.

LUKE HISTORY

Luke Air Force Base is named for the WWI flying ace and Phoenix native Lieutenant Frank Luke Jr., the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Luke scored 18 aerial victories, 14 against German observation balloons, before being killed at the age of 21 on Sept. 29, 1918.

LUKE SENIOR LEADERSHIP



Brigadier General Michael D. Rothstein is the 56th Fighter Wing commander, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. General Rothstein was commissioned in 1988 as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is an F-16 pilot with more than 2,500 hours,

and has previously commanded the 57th Operations Support Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., and the 609th Air Operations Group at Shaw AFB, S.C. He also served as the Director of Operations and Plans, U.S. Air Forces Central at Shaw AFB, and Chief, Activities Synchronization, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan.



Colonel Robert Webb
56th Fighter Wing Vice Commander



Colonel John Hanna
56th Operations Group Commander



Colonel Victor Mora
56th Maintenance Group Commander



Colonel Nathan Mooney
56th Mission Support Group Commander










Colonel Yolanda Bledsoe
56th Medical Group Commander



Chief Master Sergeant David Staton
56th Fighter Wing Command Chief

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

IN FISCAL YEAR 2012, LUKE:

-  Graduated 285 pilots
-  Produced 349 crew chiefs
-  Graduated 73 intelligence specialists
-  Flew 23,763 sorties
-  Totaled more than 31,950 flying hours
-  Deployed 376 Airmen
-  Volunteered 100,000 hours in community




LUKE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Direct	\$ 653 Million
Indirect	\$ 1.1 Billion
<u>Induced</u>	<u>\$ 333 Million</u>
Total Economic Impact in AZ	\$ 2.17 Billion

(Source: Maguire Company)

LUKE MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"IN THE NEWS"

-  Luke selected as F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training site with six squadrons & 144 aircraft
-  F-35 facilities under construction: Academic Training Center, Operations Building 1
-  Sequestration impacts at Luke: March Open House cancelled, civilian furlough, non-essential flying curtailed

AIRCRAFT & GRADUATES

Since 1983, Luke has trained pilots to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon with more than 17,280 pilot graduates and 10,599 F-16 crew chiefs. Most F-16 combat pilots and maintainers currently in Afghanistan were trained at Luke. Since 1941, Luke has graduated more than 60,280 pilots. Luke trained aircrews in other weapon systems until 1994 that included:

Aircraft	Graduates
AT-6	14,127
P-40	2,814
P-3	280
P-51	685
F-84	6,930
F-86	123
F-100	3,451
A-7D	147
F-104	2,200
F-5	1,699
F-4	3,147
F-15A/E	4,200

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